

passed away on September 22, 2001 at the age of 72. Father Martin spent 25 years as the pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church on Superior Avenue in Cleveland, where he dedicated his life to helping those in his parish and the community find meaning in their lives and to increase the opportunities available to those who are less fortunate.

Rev. Martin was born in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Benedictine High School in 1947. He then attended St. Procopius College in Illinois, St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati, and St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland, before being ordained in 1956. While he spent the latter years of his life at St. Francis, Fr. Martin also served at a number of other parishes located in Cleveland, Bay Village, and Painesville, as well as on several diocesan commissions.

Rev. Martin was a strong advocate of helping those in need with every means possible and spent countless hours working on projects to improve the lives of low-income families. One such project Rev. Martin helped organize was the Famicos Foundation, which is a neighborhood development organization that provides housing and social services for low income families. He and Sister Henrietta founded Famicos in the Hough neighborhood, which is in close vicinity to St. Francis. In addition, Rev. Martin was a strong advocate of the use of vouchers to allow students to attend Catholic schools who otherwise could not afford to do so.

Rev. Thomas Martin is survived by a sister, Delores M. Lucas, and by three brothers: Jerry J., George G., and Richard J. Thomas. Reverend Thomas will be sorely missed by those in his parish and community, and he will forever be remembered for his generous heart and for all the hard work he put into improving the lives of those around him.

IN RECOGNITION OF NUCOR
STEEL'S EXEMPLARY COR-
PORATE CITIZENSHIP

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, those of us who support business and the contributions that companies make to our districts often speak of the value of "good corporate citizenship." This is a term that can be defined in many ways. To some, it can mean creating jobs and making substantial economic investment. To others, it can mean taking a leadership position on issues of local concern. To still others it can mean a willingness to do whatever it takes to improve the lives and lifestyles of the people in the community.

In Leon County, Texas, we are indeed fortunate to have a company that satisfies all of those criteria. By virtually any measure, Nucor Steel's facility in Jewett is one of our state's top corporate citizens, and the relationship it has built with local leaders, schools and civic groups is a model for companies everywhere.

The Jewett facility is a part of Nucor Steel Corporation, the nation's largest recycler of steel—with 12 million tons annually—and a worldwide leader in technical innovation, safety, and employee commitment. During the Jewett site's 26 years of operation, it has built

a record of accomplishment and civic involvement that has been vital to shaping a better quality of life for the people of Leon County.

Those achievements begin with the facility's commitment to the environment. The Jewett Division recycles 800,000 tons of scrap metal every year. This is material that would otherwise be clogging our landfills, or haphazardly discarded on the sides of the road or in empty fields. Beyond that, every byproduct of the manufacturing process is recycled, further reducing the need for treatment and disposal.

Underscoring this commitment to environmental stewardship is a technology that reduces energy and the need for virgin resources. By using the electric arc furnace, or EAF, Nucor saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal and 120 pounds of limestone for every ton of steel recycled. What's more, the process requires less energy. Annually, the EAF process saves enough energy to electrically power the entire city of Los Angeles for eight years.

Even with these successes, the Jewett facility is not resting on its laurels. The company is now planning a \$150 million investment over the next five years at the site that will allow older equipment to be phased out and replaced with new, state-of-the-art systems. These systems will employ the best developed available technology, and ensure that Nucor can meet the most stringent environmental regulations—now and in the future.

The Jewett facility continues to be a major contributor to the local economy as well. It has created more than 500 jobs, and Nucor has invested \$150 million at the site over the past ten years—an investment that translates to tax revenues that further support the critical services that Leon County delivers its citizens. Additionally, Nucor spent about \$75 million with local and surrounding vendors last year alone, extending its economic impact far beyond the plant's physical location.

Finally, the Jewett Division has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to serving important, essential community needs. Consider its education programs, for example. Every child of every Nucor employee is eligible for a \$2,500-per-year scholarship for college or vocational training. To date, the facility has awarded more than \$1.6 million in assistance to 270 students. By helping these young people realize their full potential—as professionals, business people, teachers and members of the community—Nucor is doing more than contributing to the betterment of the students and their families. It is contributing to the betterment of society.

But the civic commitment does not stop there. This is a company that has supported alcohol-free student programs like Project Graduation. It is a longstanding contributor to 4-H, and the Future Farmers of America. For Earth Day, the Jewett facility teamed with Nucor's Vulcraft Group in Grapeland, Texas, for a scrap metal recycling drive that collected 30 tons of obsolete materials, and also donated live oak trees to the Leon County Independent School District. And when Jewett needed a public park, Nucor bought the land and donated all the steel needed for construction. That effort earned it the local Chamber of Commerce's "Business of the Year" award.

Mr. Speaker, the first requirement of corporate citizenship is also the most basic: To pull your own weight on behalf of your community. Nucor's Jewett facility has done ex-

actly that—and more. With a record of environmental stewardship, economic contributions and civil leadership, Nucor Steel's Jewett Division has earned the thanks and respect of people throughout my district. I appreciate this opportunity to share its achievements with you, and to join in the recognition of a truly great "corporate citizen."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICA-
TION OF THE W. RUEL JOHNSON
ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a respected humanitarian, a man whose contributions to his community continue long after his passing. Monday, October 15th marks the dedication of the W. Ruel Johnson Ecological Reserve, a 1,350 acre reserve that ensures coming generations will continue to enjoy the natural beauty and environmental diversity that Southern California offers.

The Reserve's origins date back to 1966, when Ruel Johnson purchased the property that became Johnson Ranch. The Johnson family farmed the land for 18 years before opening it up to recreational uses like hunting and hiking. Recently, Riverside County purchased the land from the Johnson family with an agreement that the land would remain open space.

State and county officials will dedicate the land and memorialize the namesake. The Reserve will serve as a central component of the Riverside County Integrated Plan, a long-range effort to address the region's transportation, conservation, and land-use requirements for the coming decades. During the dedication, the state's Wildlife Conservation Board will present Riverside County with a check for \$10.9 million, acknowledging their shared responsibility to ensure this planning effort continues to meet success.

None of this would have been possible were it not for the generosity of the Johnson family. As Founder of the Riverside Community Health Foundation and in numerous other contributions to youth and education organizations, Ruel Johnson served as an example for his family and for all of our community's philanthropists. I am honored to stand to recognize his achievements. The W. Ruel Johnson Ecological Reserve is aptly named and its namesake well-deserving of this distinguished honor.

IN HONOR OF THE 2ND ANNUAL
CELEBRATE EMPOWERMENT GALA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Renee Jones Empowerment Center on their 2nd Annual Celebrate Empowerment Gala.